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Dear CNL Cyberspace Patrons (and Friends):

CNL/ANS NEWS:

CNL Donated to the American Numismatic Society

The Colonial Newsletter, considered the premier journal in the field of American Colonial coinage and currency, has been donated to the American Numismatic Society. Arthur A. Houghton III, ANS President, noted that the New York based research organization is "proud, honored, and extremely grateful to have been chosen as the recipient of this highly prestigious publication"; formal acceptance of the gift was recorded at the meeting of the Society's governing Council on July 20.

James C. Spilman, President of the Colonial Newsletter Foundation located in Huntsville, Alabama, earlier this year notified ANS Director Leslie A. Elam of his decision to retire as Editor of CNL, a position he has held since 1963. Through Mr. Elam, the ANS expressed its great interest in assuming responsibility for the production and distribution of CNL beginning in 1997, and the donation was finalized at the end of June.

Mossman New Editor

The new Editor of CNL will be Dr. Philip L. Mossman of Hampden, Maine, who now serves as one of three Associate Editors of the journal, the others being Gary Trudgen of Endwell, New York and Michael Hodder of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, all of whom are also frequent contributors to the pages of CNL. Dr. Mossman recently retired as Director of Rehabilitation at the Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. In 1993, the Society published his monumental study, Money of the American Colonies and Confederation as ANS Numismatic Studies 20; a critically acclaimed work cited in 1994 for special awards by the Sons of the American Revolution and the Numismatic Literary Guild. Associate Editors Trudgen

and Hodder have agreed to continue providing their important services to production of the journal under ANS sponsorship.

CNL was established in 1960 by Alfred D. Hoch to "provide in permanent form an exchange of information, opinions, and discoveries concerning Early American coins and currency." Mr. Spilman became the Editor/Publisher of CNL in August 1963, with issue no. 9. In 1995, issue 100 was celebrated by publication of an even dozen articles of original research in early American numismatics together with a series of fitting tributes to a publication which has emerged over the years as the principal means of communication among those working in pre-Federal American numismatic research. Issue 103, due later this year, will be the last bearing the name of "ye Editor" James C. Spilman on the masthead, who will assume the new title of Editor Emeritus. The first ANS issue, no. 104, will appear in April 1997.

The ANS, founded in 1858, is one of the oldest learned societies in the United States. Its collections and library are among the largest and most comprehensive in the world and provide the basis for the Society's long-standing commitment to numismatic research and education at all levels. The ANS is generally considered the largest non-profit publisher of numismatic works, issuing books, periodicals and catalogues in several series, including the Proceedings volumes of the annual Coinage of the Americas Conference, initiated in 1984. Acquisition of CNL will further strengthen the Society's commitment to and participation in early American numismatics.

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